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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 1747

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, XL, GY

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM TO GUYANA CUT BY ALL THREE MAJOR SUPPLIERS

REF: GEORGETOWN 1732

1. EMBASSY JUST INFORMED THAT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 29 PETROLEUM SUPPLIES TO GUYANA WILL BE CUT BY 30 PERCENT ACROSS THE BOARD BY TEXACO AND ESSO, WHILE SHELL WILL CUT ITS DELIVERIES BY 10 TO 40 PERCENT ON AN ITEM BASIS. WE HAVE ONE ESTIMATE OF A THREE WEEKS SUPPLY OF ALL PETROLEUM FUELS. MINISTER OF TRADE HAS ORDERED ALL LOCAL SUPPLIERS TO FURNISH ONLY DIESEL FUEL TO RETAIL PUMP OUTLETS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 29, AND IS PREPARING MACHINERY FOR FUEL RATIONING. THIS HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY. GOG IS PROBABLY CONFUSED OVER QUESTION OF APPROACH TOWARD LIMITING DISTRIBUTION, BUT HAS LAID OUT PRIORITY SECTORS. THEY ARE, IN ORDER, GUYANA BAUXITE COMPANY, RICE, SUGAR, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND SHRIMPING. STATUS OF GUYANA ELECTRIC COMPANY NOT CLEAR.

LOCAL PRESS REPORTS IN AFTERNOON EDITION THAT GOG STATEMENT IS DUE TOMORROW ON RATIONING. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW CLOSELY.

2. COMMENT: THERE ARE ALREADY INDICATIONS THAT HOARDING OF FUEL, SPECIFICALLY GASOLINE HAS BEGUN. RATIONING IS ALMOST CERTAIN WITHIN TWO WEEKS ONCE PUBLIC IS AWARE OF EXTENT OF PROBLEM. KING

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